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LIMDIS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELLE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MEETING WITH SOMALIA PRESIDENT SIAD

REF: LONDON 15222

1. IN YOUR MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ADDOU ON JULY 2 YOU REQUESTED EXPLANATIONS OF SOMALI INVITATION TO PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY DELEGATION AND SOMALI FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT OF JUNE 21 IN WHICH SECRETARIES KISSINGER AND RUMSFELD VISITS WERE ATTRIBUTED TO DESIRE OF US TO SELL WEAPONS SO AFRICANS COULD KILL ONE ANOTHER, DESTROY THEIR ECONOMIES, DILUTE THEIR POLITICAL POWER AND SOVEREIGNTY, AND STRENGTHEN MINORITY REGIMES IN SOUTH-ERN AFRICA POLITICALLY, ECONOMICALLY, AND MILITARILY. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO EXPLANATIONS.

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2. SINCE THAT MEETING SOMALIA RHETORIC HAS NOT IMPROVED. ON SEPTEMBER 4, APPARENTLY ACTING AS MOSCOW'S STALKING HORSE, SIAD SENT MESSAGE TO ALL AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE REQUESTING URGENT MEETING OF OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO DISCUSS SOUTH AFRICA IN WHICH HE SAID FOLLOWING: QUOTE - WE ARE WITNESSING A PROFESSED CHANGE OF ATTITUDE AND DECLARATIONS OF NEW POLICIES ON SOUTHERN AFRICA BY TRADITIONAL ALLY OF RACISM. ITS FLURRY OF DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN THIS RESPECT CAN ONLY BE SEEN AS EFFORT TO FURTHER IMPERIALIST AIMS. IN THE FACE OF THIS GRAVE THREAT TO THE PROCESS OF LIBERATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND INCREASING DANGER OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT AFRICA RISE UP TO THE CHALLENGE, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE, AND ADOPT A STRATEGY TO COUNTER THIS IMPERIALIST AND RACIST CONSPIRACY. UNQUOTE.

3. USING MINOR PRETEXT GSDR HELD MARINE CORPORAL IVERSON FOR 28 HOURS INCOMMUNICADO FROM EMBASSY AND THEN REQUIRED US TO REMOVE HIM UNDER THREAT OF DECLARING HIM PERSONA NON GRATA. IVERSON HAD DIPLOMATIC STATUS.

4. ON SEPTEMBER 23 ADDOU REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH ACTING SECRETARY ROBINSON, SAYING HE WISHED TO RELATE NEWS OF SOMALI GESTURE DEMONSTRATING DESIRE FOR BETTER RELATIONS. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT ADDOU MAY SAY, BUT WE ARE NOT BETTING ON ANYTHING SUBSTANTIAL BEING OFFERED.

5. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, RECOMMEND YOU NOT TAKE INITIATIVE TO MEET WITH SIAD. IF SOMALIS REQUEST MEETING, WE SUGGEST YOU AGREE, AND MAKE IT CLEAR THAT YOU ARE THERE TO HEAR WHAT SIAD HAS TO SAY. IF HE ASKS ABOUT US ATTITUDE TOWARD SOMALIA YOU SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS: WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED OUR DESIRE FOR BETTER RELATIONS; GSDR IS EVEN NOW RECEIVING SHIPMENT OF DROUGHT RELIEF GRAIN; BUT GOOD RELATIONS REQUIRE RECIPROCAL EFFORT ON GSDR PART; NO SUCH EFFORT HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING.

6. AMB. LOUGHRAN HAS BEEN CONSULTED AND AGREES INITIATIVE FOR SEPARATE MEETING SHOULD REST WITH SIAD. KISSINGER

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